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Report of the Third Committee (Part I)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled:

"Human rights questions:

"(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

"(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

"(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives."

and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

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* The report of the Committee on item 114 will be issued in five parts (see also A/48/632/Add.1-4).

2. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Human Rights Committee (A/48/40);

(b) Report of the Committee against Torture (A/48/44 and Add.1);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on children in armed conflicts: recommendation to the General Assembly adopted by the Committee on the Rights of the Child at its third session (A/48/280).

3. The Committee also had before it the following documents under item 114:

(a) Letter dated 28 December 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/58-S/25024);

(b) Letter dated 25 February 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Equatorial Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/94);

(c) Letter dated 26 February 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/93;

(d) Letter dated 7 April 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/136);

(e) Letter dated 27 May 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/181);

(f) Letter dated 28 May 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/184);

(g) Letter dated 4 June 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/201);

(h) Letter dated 11 June 1993 from the Permanent Mission of Equatorial Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/211);

(i) Letter dated 16 June 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/214);

(j) Letter dated 21 June 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/217-S/25986);

(k) Letter dated 23 June 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/222);

(l) Letter dated 12 July 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/262);

(m) Letter dated 12 July 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/396-S/26440);

(n) Letter dated 19 July 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/273);

(o) Letter dated 20 July 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/274-S/26125);

(p) Letter dated 27 July 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/294-S/26247);

(q) Letter dated 4 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/291-S/26242);

(r) Letter dated 9 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/302);

(s) Letter dated 9 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Equatorial Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/307);

(t) Letter dated 18 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Equatorial Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/330);

(u) Letter dated 30 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Equatorial Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/357);

(v) Letter dated 3 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/370);

(w) Letter dated 9 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/387-S/26424);

(x) Letter dated 9 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/401);

(y) Letter dated 10 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/394);

(z) Letter dated 14 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/395-S/26439);

(aa) Letter dated 28 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/446);

(bb) Letter dated 6 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/484-S/26552)

(cc) Letter dated 12 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/496);

(dd) Letter dated 28 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/564);

(ee) Letter dated 23 November 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Eritrea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/643);

(ff) Letter dated 30 November 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/705-S/26830);

(gg) Letter dated 3 November 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/48/7).

(hh) Letter dated 10 December 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/751-S/26863);

4. The Committee also had before it the following documents under sub-item 114 (a):

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (A/48/471);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (A/48/507 and Corr.1 and 2);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the conclusions and recommendations of the fourth meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies (A/48/508 and Corr.1);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the financing and adequate staff ces for the operations of the human rights treaty bodies (A/48/560);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (A/48/556);

(f) Letter dated 12 January 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/63);

(g) Letter dated 29 November 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/48/21).

5. The Committee also had before it the following documents under sub-item 114 (b):

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of resolution 47/113 on the United Nations Observer Mission to Eritrea (A/48/283);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions (A/48/340);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (A/48/425);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (A/48/509 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1);

(e) Report by Mr. Fanuel Jarirentundu Kozonquizi, the independent expert, on the conditions in Somalia, prepared in accordance with paragraph 6 of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/86 (A/48/510);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on human rights in the administration of justice (A/48/575);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat (A/48/589);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (A/48/590);

(i) Note by the Secretary-General on the Report the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the observance of the United Nations Year for Tolerance (A/48/210-E/1993/89);

(j) Note by the Secretary-General on the Right to Development (A/48/576);

(k) Letter dated 11 June 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/207-S/25936);

(l) Letter dated 17 March 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/116);

(m) Letter dated 24 March 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/120);

(n) Letter dated 1 April 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/125);

(o) Letter dated 14 April 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the Secretary-General (A/48/152);

(p) Letter dated 18 May 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/174);

(q) Letter dated 20 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/342);

(r) Letter dated 23 November 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/642);

(s) Letter dated 10 December 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/750-S/26862);

(t) Letter dated 3 November 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/48/7);

(u) Letter dated 3 November 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/48/8).

6. The Committee also had before it the following documents under sub-item 114 (c):

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia (A/48/92-S/25341);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in South Africa (A/48/525);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/48/526 and Add.1);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Haiti (A/48/561);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Cuba (A/48/562);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in southern Lebanon (A/48/577);

(g) Note by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/48/578);

(h) Note by the Secretary-General on the internally displaced persons (A/48/579);

(i) Note by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (A/48/584);

(j) Note by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Iraq (A/48/600 and Add.1);

(k) Note by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Sudan (A/48/601);

(l) Letter dated 22 January 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/68-S/25146);

(m) Letter dated 29 January 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/74-S/25216);

(n) Letter dated 29 January 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/75-S/25217);

(o) Letter dated 3 February 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/77-S/25231);

(p) Letter dated 18 February 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/88-S/25310);

(q) Letter dated 11 March 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/113-S/25397);

(r) Letter dated 17 March 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/116);

(s) Letter dated 24 May 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/176-S/25834);

(t) Letter dated 24 May 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/177-S/25835);

(u) Letter dated 8 June 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/203-S/25898);

(v) Letter dated 12 July 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/261-S/26073);

(w) Letter dated 20 July 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/274-S/26125);

(x) Letter dated 5 August 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/295-S/26249);

(y) Letter dated 5 August 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/298-S/26255);

(z) Letter dated 6 August 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/299-S/26261);

(aa) Letter dated 26 August 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/351-S/26359);

(bb) Letter dated 31 August 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/355-S/26390);

(cc) Letter dated 9 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/387-S/26424);

(dd) Letter dated 3 November 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/570-S/26686);

(ee) Letter dated 5 November 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/48/13);

(ff) Letter dated 9 November 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/48/9);

(gg) Letter dated 22 November 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/48/17);

(hh) Letter dated 8 December 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/48/25).

7. For the consideration of proposals under sub-item (a), see document A/48/632/Add.1; under sub-item (b), see documents A/48/632/Add.2 and 4; and under sub-item (c), see A/48/632/Add.3.